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**File Code:** 5300

**Date:** September 25, 2013

**Subject:** Motor Vehicle Restriction Order

**To:** File

**From:** Earl W. Ford, Forest Supervisor

After reviewing the project file and discussing with my staff, I have decided to implement a seasonal motor vehicle restriction within the X6A Motor Vehicle Restriction Area from September 30, 2013 through October 20, 2013. This order will prohibit using a motor vehicle on or off any national forest system road or trail within the X6A motor vehicle restriction area.

This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that this area has been closed to vehicles during the general deer season. The Department of Fish and Game, Plumas County Fish and Game Commission, and the Plumas National Forest are cooperative partners in this successful program. The objective of this closure is to curb excessive disturbance to deer. A high density of Forest Service system roads exists within the Diamond Mountain area. Disturbance to the deer includes the street vehicle traffic on the many system roads which increases during this time frame. Additionally, there is increased traffic from off-highway-vehicles that leave the system roads.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d) (1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

*Earl W. Ford*

cc: Chris M. Holland LE&I



**ORDER NO. 11-13-07**  
**PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited in the Zone X6a Vehicle Restricted Area within the Plumas National Forest. For the purposes of this Order, a wheelchair is not considered a motor vehicle. This Order is effective from September 30, 2013, through October 20, 2013.

1. Using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads within the Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area. The Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area is bounded by Diamond Mountain on the north, then continues southeast to the boundary of the Lassen National Forest, then continues south to the south end of Wildcat Ridge at Boulder Creek, then continues northwest to Indian Creek, then continues northwest along Indian Creek to Red Rock, then continues northeast to the starting point at Diamond Mountain, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.56.
2. Using a motor vehicle on a National Forest System road within the Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area. 36 CFR 261.54(a).
3. Using a motor vehicle on a National Forest System trail within the Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area. 36 CFR 261.55(b).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Quincy, California, this 25 day of September, 2013.



Earl W. Ford  
Forest Supervisor  
Plumas National Forest

# Zone X6A Motor Vehicle Restriction

## Plumas National Forest

Mount Hough Ranger District

